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"Have a purpose in life, and having it, throw into your work such strength of mind and muscle as God has given you." —*Carlyle*

SCHEDULE

1915

February 17. Territorial Department—Third Lecture on "The Indian Mutiny" by Rev. N. Meldrum, 7 P.M.
" 18. Literary Union—Boys' Branch.
" " Territorial Department—Lecture by Mr. V. Chakkarai, B.A., B.L., on "Great Hindu Books and Sects."
" 19. Tea and Concert.
" 20. Excursion and "At Home"—Boys' Branch.
" " Territorial Department—Smoker.
" 21. Men's Meeting in the Auditorium, 4 P.M.
" " P. S. E., 7-45 P.M.
" 22. Territorial Department—Bioscope.
" 24. Do. Fourth Lecture on "The Indian Mutiny" by Rev. N. Meldrum, 7 P.M.
" 25. Do. Second Lecture on "Great Hindu Books and Sects" by Mr. V. Chakkarai, B.A., B.L.
" 26. Do. Lantern Lecture.
" 27. General entertainment by the members of the Royapettah Branch.
" " Territorial Department—Smoker.
" 28. P. S. E., 7-45 P.M

ANNUAL SPORTS AND TOURNAMENTS

Our Annual Sports were held on the 30th January between 3 and 6-30 p.m. The members of the Association took a lively interest as evidenced by the fact that there were over 130 entries for the 18 events. The winners of the first prize in the A events are entitled to silver medals. Messrs. P. Heizer, J. R. Sivasubramaniam, P. E. Devadasen, M. P. S. Jesudasen and H. C. Herman acted as judges and Mr. E. C. Worman was the starter. Prizes will be distributed on the Anniversary Day of the Asso-

ciation to be celebrated early in March. The following is the list of winners :—

A Events

100 *yards dash*—V. C. Viraraghavan, (2) Mahdi Ali, (3) M. P. S. Jesudasen.
¼ *Mile race*—(1) Madhi Ali.
One Mile Race—(1) A. R. David, (2) Madhi Ali.
Hurdle Race—(1) Madhi Ali, (2) T.N. Kurien, (3) K. Kuruvilla
Obstacle Race—(1) K. C. George, (2) Sundraraj, (3) D'Netto.
Long Jump—(1) V. C. Viraraghavan, (2) T. N. Kurien.
High Jump—(1) T. N. Kurien, (2) K. Kurien.
Putting the Shot—(1) C. N. W. Thumbiah, (2) T. N. Kurien, (3) Appa Rao.

B Events

Relay Race—Y. M. C. A. Hostel Team.
Slow Bicycle Race—(1) Victor David, (2) Mirza Abbas Isphahani.
Throwing the Cricket Ball—(1) Appa Rao, (2) K. C. George, (3) C. N. W. Thumbiah.
Sack Race—(1) K. C. George, (2) K. Kuruvilla, (3) D'Netto
Pick-a-back—K. Kuruvilla and M. C. Cherian.
Blind Chatty Race—(1) K. Kuruvilla, (2) K. C. George.
Hop-a-lap, *Run-a-lap*, *Cycle-a-lap*—1. Mirza Abbas Isphahani, (2) Mahdi Ali, (3) K. Kuruvilla
Three-legged Race.—A. R. David and James Barnabas.
Potato Race.—(1) C.N.W. Thumbiah, (2) A R. David, (3) M. C. Cherian.
Tug-of-war.—Y. M. C. A. Lodge Team.

The Tournaments are also one by one finishing. The Napier Club Badminton team has won this year also. Messrs. Gajapathy and D. Mahanty have come out successful in Tennis Doubles. As we go to the Press we have come to know that the Pudupaukum Team has won the Football Cup and Mr. Gajapathy the Tennis Singles Cup.

Our hearty congratulation to all the winners. Our heartfelt thanks are due to Messrs. Guthrie, Wood, Fannon, Quahle and two others from the Devonshire Regiment who have kindly refereed the Football matches.

Boys' Branch Football Tournament

The following are the fixtures of the tournament which commences on the 15th instant :—

Combined Y. M. C. A., Christian College.	15th Feb.	22nd Feb.	25th Feb.	Finals.
Perambur	......			
Central Y. M. C. A., Pursewalkum Union.	17th Feb.	......		
Pachiappa's Bishop Corrie's	19th Feb.	23rd Feb.	...	
Doveton College Hindu Theological School.	20th Feb.			

An illustrated lecture on "The Japs—our Allies" was given by Mr. J. R. Isaac, B.A., on Tuesday, the 9th instant. Fifty interesting pictures were thrown on the screen and the boys were very much pleased to see the pictures and to hear the explanations and anecdotes given by Mr. Isaac. Some of the parents of the boys were also present. Our best thanks are due to the Lecturer.

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Territorial Department

Friends in Madras who came to know the Somersets will be interested in the following quotation which is from one of the Bath papers, to which one of the Somersets has written a letter :—

"Since I last wrote you, several things have happened, the worst being the out-of-bounds rule. That is where the Y. M. C. A. have turned up trumps. The Secretary came and saw the Colonel and as a special privilege the Y.M.C.A. was put within bounds. They make a point of having something every night. This week they have had a lantern lecture on 'Madras'. This was of course awfully interesting to us. They also gave us a fine concert and tea. They have a gramaphone, a dark room, a supper room, cheap and decent books, writing paper and once a week a Pathe bioscope. All except supper is free. They are also forming sports' clubs so you can see what splendid work the Y.M.C.A. are doing out here."

Evidently the writer of the above appreciated the efforts which had been taken to make their visit to Madras a pleasant one. Our President, the Hon. Mr. R. C. C. Carr, who is attending the Imperial Legislative Council, writes as follows :—

"I am much interested to hear about the arrival of the Devonshires and of all you have done for them. The idea of the tents is admirable. Here in Delhi the Y. M. C. A. is similarly working in tents. They have a very large tent for concerts and entertainments and smaller tents for reading and writing room and for a growing library. The work here is going on splendidly and to-morrow there is to be a concert organized by Lady Lake, the wife of the chief of the general staff and under the patronage of the Earl of Radnor who is commanding the Wiltshires. I am convinced that both here and in Madras the Y. M. C. A. is doing the best possible work for the troops and you have my warm support in your endeavours."

We appreciate Mr. Carr's remembrance of us while away and are glad that he has visited our work at Delhi.

During the past fortnight we have had two very interesting lectures on "The Indian Mutiny" by the Revd. N. Meldrum which have been very much appreciated. The lantern lectures on "Japan" and "Indian Bazaar Life" have also proved interesting. Music and recitations were very kindly provided by Deaconess Creighton and Deaconess Tuke who also brought with them an Indian conjuror who entertained the men until a late hour. We appreciate thoroughly the co-operation of friends in helping to provide a variety of entertainments for the Devonshires. The work will be continued in the tents at least for some time until health conditions improve considerably. The location of the work has been very satisfactory as it is a convenient place for the men to drop in who would not otherwise care to come as far as Georgetown. If friends can

send us copies of illustrated magazines which might be used either in the tent or in the hospital they will be very much appreciated. We thank those who have already sent us some magazines.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. J. Callan and Norman sailed from Madras on Saturday per "SS. Manora" *en route* to France to join Mr. Callan who is at work in the Y. M. C. A., for the Indian troops. We wish them Godspeed on their journey.

Mr. F. V. Slack, of the Student Movement, has been two days with us after attending a meeting of the Student Committee at Bangalore. Mr. and Mrs. Slack will leave on furlough early next month.

Letters have been recently received from both Mr. Ewing and Mr. White remembering us in our work and asking to be remembered to their many friends in Madras. Mr. Ewing is still engaged in the Student Movement while Mr. White has been assisting the International Committee in the Foreign department.

Dr. S. K. Datta and Mr. K. Rudra recently spent a few days in Madras *en route* to France where they will join the Expeditionary force of the Y. M. C. A.

NEW MEMBERS

We heartily welcome the following gentlemen who have joined the Association after 1st February 1915 :—

B. Madhava Rao, Vijayya Ramayya, E. Doraisami, S. Palniandy and C. Perumal Chetty.

Note.—We are sorry that owing to an oversight the January number of the Madras Young Men was posted in a wrong Post office and consequently was charged excess by the Postal authorities. Our friends will please accept this apology.

Y. M. C. A. READING ROOM

Some Members of the Association are not aware that our Reading Room is supplied with, among others, the following periodicals :—

The Illustrated London News, The Illustrated Times of India, Scientific American, Punch, Literary Digest, Outlook, Indian Social Reformer, Social Reform Advocate, Indian Review, Modern Review, Young Men of India, Christian College Magazine, East and West, The East and the West, Contemporary Review, Nineteenth Century, World's Work, Round Table, Review of Reviews, Strand Magazine, The National Geographical Magazine, Religious Education, Chambers' Journal, Missionary Review, Constructive Quarterly and International Review of Missions :

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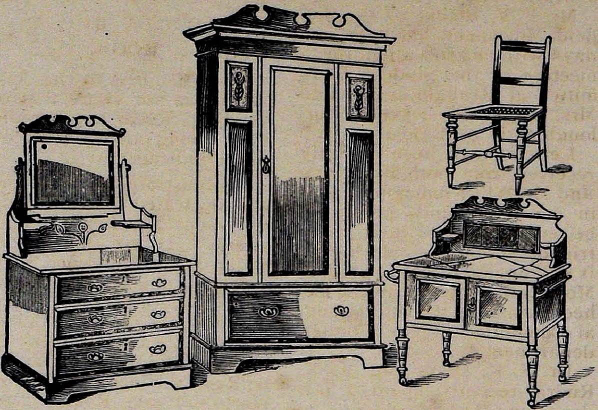

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